

Kentucky Church Will Not Back Down on Ordination

By James Lee Young
GRAVEL SWITCH, Ky. (BP) — Beech Fork Baptist Church here will ignore a directive from its local Baptist association to rescind its February ordination of a 24-year-old woman or have its fellowship withdrawn.

Mike Jamison, the church's pastor, told Baptist Press, "You can quote me. We don't plan to take any more action. We will not rescind Suzanne Coyle's ordination."

And two executives of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Home Mission Board, which appointed Miss Coyle nearly three years before her Feb. 1977 ordination, released a statement saying, "Ordination was not a requisite of Miss Coyle's employment but was done by her home church at their own initiative. Our position is that ordination is a local church matter in Baptist polity."

The statement, which noted the effectiveness of her work and her acceptance by local pastors in the area she serves in the inner city of Philadelphia, Pa., was not prepared in response to the action by the South District Baptist Association's executive board, which gave Miss Coyle's home church the choice to rescind or have fellowship withdrawn.

William G. Tanner, the board's chief executive, and F. Jack Redford, director of the board's department of church extension, prepared the statement before the association's April action.

The Home Mission Board had earlier received several "hot letters" concerning the ordination of Miss Coyle which asked about the "policy of the board and its church extension department, as well as the use of Cooperative Program (SBC's unified budget) funds in support of ordination of women," Redford said.

Miss Coyle serves as a "Church Extension Specialist" in the development of a mission congregation as chaplain-pastor of the Center City Baptist Chapel in Philadelphia. Her responsibilities include working with residents of the Center City YMCA and development of apartment ministries.

"Miss Coyle's support is not from Cooperative Program funds but comes primarily from designated gifts for that purpose," the board statement said, "with a small additional amount from Annie Armstrong Easter Offerings" (for home missions).

"She has served effectively, people have been saved, and pastors in her association speak well of her work," Tanner and Redford said.

"Our position," they continued, speaking for the Home Mission Board, "is that ordination is a local church matter in Baptist polity."

According to the Western Recorder, weekly newsmagazine of Kentucky Baptists, the Beech Fork ordination issue was raised in an April meeting of the association's board, with Jamison and a lay member of the church presenting their congregation's viewpoint.

"We're very sorry this has happened," Jamison later told Baptist Press. "All we asked from the local association was that they recognize our autonomy as a local church. We did not ask that they accept our theological presuppositions in this matter but that they allow us to be part of the associational body as an autonomous, fellowshiping church."

Miss Coyle told Baptist Press, "My calling to the ministry has not been changed" by the association's action. "I'll continue to function in ministry as a Baptist," she said, noting that she

plans to stay with Southern Baptists. Some associational board members cautioned against severe discipline against the church, and one pastor raised the question of whether the as-

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IRS Clarifies Southern Baptist Taxation Status

NASHVILLE (BP)—The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) information Form 990, which some religious organizations must file annually under a recent IRS ruling, has no effect on that organization's tax exempt status or the tax deductible nature of gifts to it.

The IRS, in a letter to Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee, has confirmed that Southern Baptist churches and

SBC institutions which meet the definition of an "integrated auxiliary" do not have to file the form.

But, IRS said, those who must file it will not lose their exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code "simply due to failure to meet the definition of an integrated auxiliary of a church."

An IRS spokesman told Baptist Press, in an elaboration of the letter, that the fact an organization is tax exempt under 501(c)(3) means that contributions to that organization are tax deductible under section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

SBC institutions not required to file the form, Routh said, include the Executive Committee, the SBC's national boards and commissions and the churches. He said state Baptist conventions and their agencies (which fall under the "integrated auxiliary" ruling) and associations of churches also are not required to file Form 990.

Organizations not classified by IRS as "integrated auxiliaries" are hospitals, colleges, homes for the aging, and children's homes. Under present regulations, they must file Form 990, which asks for such information as annual income, salaries and expenditures.

However, seminaries and church-related educational organizations below college level do not have to file the form.

IRS told Baptist Press that even some organizations which are not considered "integrated auxiliaries" will not have to file Form 990 if their gross annual income is under \$10,000. The previous limit was \$5,000, but in the past month or so the figure was raised to \$10,000 effective "on years ending on and after Dec. 31, 1976," the IRS spokesman said.

Numerous religious groups and individuals, including Routh, have protested that IRS is not qualified to determine the nature and mission of a church, which, they say, the "integrated auxiliary" ruling has the effect of doing.

The IRS, in the January 4 Federal Register, published its official ruling defining an integrated auxiliary of a church. In doing so, the IRS claims that it is merely carrying out the mandate imposed by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1969.

In 1969, Congress used the term "integrated auxiliary of a church" for the first time in legislative history. Neither the churches nor legislation had previously used this expression to describe church-related agencies. IRS says that since this is a new term in tax law, it must be defined. The churches, on the other hand, say that in attempt-

ing such a definition the government is invading the exclusive domain reserved for religion itself.

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Gandy Accepts BMC Honor



During graduation ceremonies at Blue Mountain College, May 8, Lt. Gov. Evelyn Gandy was awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree. In the presentation of the degree, President Harold Fisher said of Miss Gandy, "Although she serves on numerous boards and has served in many offices, her dedicated and committed life is an inspiration to those with whom she lives and works. Mississippi Baptists are proud to claim her among their own, and Blue Mountain College is pleased to have the honor of recognizing her contribution in this way." Miss Gandy is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson. She delivered the commencement address for the school. Pictured with Miss Gandy and Fisher (r.) is Larry Taylor, chairman of BMC trustees.

World Relief Funds Appropriated By FMB

RICHMOND (BP) — The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board approved in April expenditures of \$368,492 in relief funds for 11 countries.

The allocations will come from special funds designated by Southern Baptists for world relief needs.

The latest expenditures, made by

the board at its April meeting in Atlanta, left a balance in world relief and hunger funds of slightly less than \$100,000, approximately the monthly amount coming to the board for those needs. Hunger and relief funds had totaled \$466,583 on March 31.

The largest single appropriation by the board in April, \$110,000, was made for flood relief in the South Brazil state of Mato Grosso and will help supply food, seed, medication, housing and refurbishing of housing for 125 of the 500 families who live on an island in the Parana River.

Initially, water rose about 30 inches on the island and then receded. Flood water rose again at a rate of 10 inches daily until it was more than five feet deep and then remained for three weeks.

Although some families returned to the island, others have had to remain of the mainland because their homes were destroyed. The appropriation will buy supplies for 75 new homes built to withstand flooding which occurs about every 10 years. Rice and beans to plant for the next harvest will

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Geraldo Silva, an unordained preacher, surveys the results of flooding on a small island on the Parana River in the South Brazil state of Mato Grosso. Behind him is a model of the 75 homes a \$110,000 Foreign Mission Board appropriation will help build. The appropriation will also go for food, seed and medication. The Baptist State Convention of Mato Grosso provided clothing for the flood victims. (BP) photo by Eugene Grubbs

Some Mission Personnel Decide To Leave Ethiopia, Others Stay

ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA—Two Southern Baptist missionary couples, two missionary journeymen and one volunteer couple will be leaving Ethiopia in the near future because of unsettled conditions.

Another five missionary families will remain in Ethiopia until a July 11

meeting with Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board Area Secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa. Among those remaining are Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. J. Cannata Jr. He is from Texas and she is from Mississippi. Three other missionary families on furlough will be

late in returning to Ethiopia until after this meeting and another missionary couple who had not yet arrived for work will be reassigned. Saunders said the evacuation was because of inconvenience and the inability to work effectively. "The families do not express any sense of danger."

Saunders said these decisions were made individually in a mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) meeting just completed.

"Evacuation of those planning to leave will be orderly," Saunders said. "They are planning to leave by commercial airlines and will not attempt to move any household goods out of the country with them." The five families not to leave immediately will come to Nairobi July 11 for an Agricultural Missions Conference where they will make further plans. During recent weeks Southern Baptist missionaries had moved their families from rural areas where they were doing mission work to the capital city of Addis Ababa on the advice of Ethiopian Government. Four missionaries have been arrested and detained during the past month. Cannata was detained for 16 days on a firearms technicality. Three others were detained for 48-hours in mid-April without charges.

Staying are the Cannatas, V. Lynn Groce family, Dr. and Mrs. Dale E. Beighle, Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Bedsole and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Staton.

Leaving are Mr. and Mrs. Ron D. Bodenhamer and the Donald Kirklans. (These are missionaries.)

Leaving missionary journeymen—Larry E. Witten and Cynthia J. Lumpkin.

The volunteer couple leaving—Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nason.

Good News Texas Blossoms

By Orville Scott

DALLAS (BP) — What began as the "Good News Texas" evangelistic thrust has blossomed unexpectedly into a nationwide phenomenon, leaders of the effort said here.

Mail poured into the Baptist General Convention of Texas' office in Dallas from the Chicago-Cincinnati area a few days after Lloyd Elder, Good News Texas media chairman, and associate to the Texas Baptist executive director, appeared on the "Phil Donahue Show" on WGN-TV, Chicago.

Most of the writers asked for the "Living Proof" brochure which Donahue displayed and which includes the Biblical plan for becoming a Christian. Many commented on the five 30-second testimonies of well-known people shown during the hour-long talk show.

"Response has been overwhelming," noted Texas Baptist executive director James H. Landes. He said 148 letters have come from the midwest region where the Donahue program was seen in five of the 93 market areas in which it will ultimately be televised nationwide within the next two months.

Landes said the names of the people asking for help and information on becoming Christians will be relayed as rapidly as possible to the appropriate state-level Southern Baptist convention offices.

An Illinois woman wrote, "I really want to receive Jesus completely. I feel that your book (the

brochure) may help me." Another woman wrote from Indiana: "... If your commercials can show one soul the way to being won by Christ, it is worth every dollar spent."

During his show, Donahue aired brief TV spots of Christian testimonies given by actor Dean Jones, former Black Panther leader Eldridge Cleaver, country singer Jeannie C. Riley, businessman Alan Mayer, and Honduras consul general, Rosargentina Pineda.

The campaign is also drawing attention of other denominations. Clyde Chesnut, associate editor of The United Methodist Reporter, commenting on the "Living Proof" campaign, wrote: "United Methodists in Texas, who are engaged in the mission priority of evangelism, may have had gained an unexpected boost from the Southern Baptists."

He noted that the \$1.5 million campaign "has attracted the attention of Newsweek magazine, the national newspaper wire services and NBC-TV's program 'Who's Who,' as well as the 'National Courier' and 'Texas Monthly' magazine."

The "Living Proof" spots, the heart of the "Good News Texas" media campaign, show that the speakers are living proof of how Christ can transform fouled up lives, said Elder. They were developed with the assistance of Bloom Advertising Agency, Dallas, to help create a receptive climate for the 4,000 Texas Baptist Churches to share Christ in their communities.

So that people may respond immediately, the TV and radio spots, along with newspaper ads and billboards, carrying the address, Box 1000, Dallas, Texas. People who write are sent a copy of the brochure, with a letter of encouragement, and their names are sent to the church nearest to them.

"About 200 Texans wrote to Box 1000 during the first month of the three-month campaign," said Elder. "But the most dramatic results have come as anticipated through church ministries and the witness of individual Christians."

Some people have also seen the spots and called to the Baptist building in Dallas seeking spiritual guidance.

Bill Blackburn, family life consultant in the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, discussed on the telephone with one couple the meaning of salvation and the ability of God to forgive their sins. He prayed with them and they accepted Christ. Blackburn contacted a nearby pastor who took the couple to a "Good News Revival."

Another woman called from a hospital near Fort Worth to say she had seen the testimonies on TV. "They really have peace, and I don't have it, and I need it," she said.

Her request was relayed to First Baptist Church, Euless, Tex., which sent a staff member to the hospital to see her.

The presentation of the spots drew mixed reaction

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SBC Slates Day Care

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission will conduct a mission day camp for elementary school-age children of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting here in June.

Enrollment, however, will be limited, in comparison to the past three years the commission has sponsored the camp, because of the size of the camp facility in Kansas City.

Day camp director Frank Black, who directs the commission's Crusade Royal Ambassador department, said the camp will take as many children as possible on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sterling Acres Baptist Church will host the camp, which will operate during sessions of the SBC, June 14-16. Children entering grades 1-6 may enroll for the day camp at a special booth in the registration lobby at the convention center beginning on Monday morning, June 13.

Transportation will be provided each day the camp is in session between the convention center and Sterling Acres Church. Full details will be available when the child is enrolled.

The fee is \$5 per day or \$12 for three days. Families with two children within the age group will be charged only \$20 for the three-day session, and families with three children will pay a maximum of \$25. The fee covers insurance, supplies, two noon lunches, and transportation between the convention center and the church.

Day camp activities—including games, crafts, nature study and visits with Southern Baptist home and foreign missionaries—will be conducted during the daytime sessions of the convention.

Andrew Young Confirms SBC Program Appearance

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young has confirmed acceptance of an invitation from the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) committee on order of business to address the denomination's annual meeting here in June.

The former Georgia congressman, a minister of the United Church of Christ, will address the afternoon session of the SBC at 4 p.m., Thursday, June 16, following an address by William Pinson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., who will speak at 3:25.

In other developments, SBC President James L. Sullivan of Nashville said that after consultation with SBC first vice president, Dotson M. Nelson Jr. of Birmingham he has asked Ar-



The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board elected new officers during its April board meeting in Atlanta, Ga. Standing with Baker J. Cauthers (far left), executive director of the board, (from left to right) are Travis S. Berry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Plano, Tex., first vice president; William L. Self, pastor of Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, president; Doris J. (Mrs. Ray) Mullendore of Kentucky, re-elected recording secretary; and John W. Patterson, pastor of Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., second vice president. Elizabeth Minshew (not pictured) of the board's Richmond staff was re-elected assistant recording secretary.

SBC Pastors' Conference Features Bible Teaching

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference here June 12-13 will emphasize speakers especially equipped in the area of Bible teaching, according to conference president, Jerry Vines, pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

The Pastors' Conference will meet in the Kansas City Municipal Auditorium Arena prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), June 14-16, in Roe Bartle Convention Center.

A number of speakers will be heard during the two-day annual Pastors' Conference, beginning at 7 p.m., Sunday, June 12. Monday sessions are

scheduled at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6:45 p.m.

Vines emphasizes that conference participants should bring their Bibles to be able to take part fully in the program.

Warren Wiersbe, pastor of the Moody Church, Chicago, will conduct Bible studies at the first three sessions, and Stephen Olford, well known Bible expositor of Encounter Ministries, Holmes Beach, Fla., will speak Sunday night and Monday night.

Other speakers are Clyde Narramore, well known Christian psychologist of the Narramore Christian Foundation, Rosemead, Calif.; John Tippet Jr., pastor, Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, Ga.; Homer Lindsay Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Carliss Odum, lay speaker, North Little Rock, Ark.; Sam Cathey, evangelist, Owasso, Okla.; and two former SBC presidents, R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., and W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas.

Conference music will be directed by R. O. Stone, minister of music at Dauphin Way Baptist Church. Performers are the Murk Family, Wheaton, Ill.; the Stone Family, Mobile, Ala.; Steve Boalt, evangelistic singer, Boca Raton, Fla.; Jerry Wayne Bernard, evangelistic singer, Houston, Tex.; Pam Moore and Janet Vines, singers, Dauphin Way Baptist Church; accompanists, Mrs. R. O. Stone, pianist, Dauphin Way Church, and John Bos, organist, of the E. J. Daniels evangelistic team, Orlando, Fla.

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society could act in light of a statement in its constitution that the association has no ecclesiastical authority over any local church.

The ruling was that the associational constitution provision had no effect on the proposed action concerning the Beech Fork Church.

The final vote was 19 to 9 in favor of the motion requiring the church to rescind its action or be put out of the association, the *Western Recorder* reported.

Loss of membership in an association would not prevent the church from maintaining its relationship to the Kentucky Baptist Convention or the Southern Baptist Convention.

Tanner and Redford said all mission personnel of the Home Mission Board "are jointly employed by the state convention, the association, and/or the local church where they serve. The burden of administrative direction is at the local level. We have cooperative agreements with all state conventions concerning home mission work in their territories."

"The Southern Baptist Convention, our parent body, has not taken a position on the ordination of women, to the best of our knowledge. We try hard to abide by the directive of the convention."

"The Paoli Baptist Church, Paoli, Pa., is the sponsoring church that guides Miss Coyle's work in the inner-city area of Philadelphia, along with Delaware Valley Baptist Association," said Tanner and Redford.

"To our knowledge," they continued, "no other woman is ordained who is related to Church Extension," through the Home Mission Board.

They added, "The (Home Mission Board's) chaplaincy division has endorsed women for employment as chaplains who were ordained. These

are not paid by Southern Baptists but by the agency where they serve. The Armed Forces do not permit denominations to discriminate between men and women for the military chaplaincy."

C. R. Daley, editor of the *Western Recorder*, said letters to the Recorder on the issue were generally more concerned with upholding local church autonomy than with the ordination issue. Most were backing the Beech Fork Church's right to its own government without interference, Daley said.

Although complete date is not available, more than 20 women have been ordained by Southern Baptist churches, some of these in Kentucky. The South District Association board's action is believed to be the first among Southern Baptists to make ordination of women a test of fellowship.

Allen, Kendall Step Down

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opportunities their offices have given them over the years but told Baptist Press that they feel it's time to step down and allow a younger person to take over their responsibilities.

Allen, who retired from the Sunday School Board in 1966 after 41 years of service, now lives in Winston-Salem, N. C. Kendall lives in Nashville.

Combined, the two men have attended 85 annual SBC sessions—45 for Allen (including the last 42 in a row) and 40 for Kendall.

The offices of recording secretary and registration secretary are filled each year by a vote of the messengers. The recording secretary also serves as an ex officio member of the SBC Executive Committee.

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be purchased with \$6,000 of the appropriation. This year's flood was the worst since flooding in 1964, which had been the most damaging in 49 years.

The board made a separate appropriation totaling \$72,392, to continue for another year the "food for work" project in Corrente, Piaui, North Brazil. These funds will be used to pay refugees from drought stricken areas to clear land owned by the Corrente institute which includes an elementary, secondary and normal school.

The refugees are given rice, beans and corn to plant with the hope they will be self sufficient the next year. The cleared land will be used by the institute for cattle grazing.

The second largest appropriation, \$75,000, went for aid to Baptist earthquake victims in Romania, in addition to \$25,000 sent by the board in March. The funds will be used in rebuilding of churches and repairing a building at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Bucharest damaged in a March 4 quake.

Reports indicate that nine Baptist churches, four of them in Bucharest, and one of the two buildings at the seminary suffered severe damage. Eight members of the Baptist community including two seminary students, were killed.

Although World War II and the establishment afterwards of a communist government have precluded Southern Baptist missions work in Romania, they had earlier established the Bucharest seminary and a girls' training school. In recent years, Romanian Baptists have taken full advantage of their limited freedoms, reports indicate, at least doubling almost every congregation in the country. A board spokesman called them the fastest growing Baptist group in Europe.

The board earmarked \$50,000 for refugee work in Thailand, largely for work with persons in border areas who have had to flee from the communists.

One-half of the appropriation will be used in the Chantaburi area in self-help food projects where United Nations involvement is being cut back; another \$15,000 in Bangkok to furnish

warm clothing and other needs for Vietnamese who have obtained passports for third countries; \$2,000 in Songkhla for food and the provision of educational needs; and \$8,000 in Thai refugee work as communist incursions uproot them.

In West Africa, \$15,000 will be used to meet the cost of the transportation and distribution of available grains to villages in the province where the Nalerigu Baptist Medical Centre is located. Too much rain in a short period of time has resulted in shortages of grains in some areas. The mission will make village-by-village distribution of the grains.

The Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$10,000 for a windmill, tank and pipes related to deep fresh water wells being drilled in drought-stricken areas of northern Tanzania.

Victims of a prolonged drought in Nicaragua will get further aid from the board. Last fall, \$5,000 was appropriated, and now another \$8,100 will help carry out earlier programs designed to meet needs during the remainder of the dry season, through initial planting and until an anticipated harvest in September.

The drought in Nicaragua has lasted for two years. Normally, the rainy season extends May through October, but last year the rains did not begin until September. Relief money will cover basic food needs.

A diesel pump to help boost food production will be purchased with the \$8,000 in relief funds designated for Antigua. The pump will be used in an irrigation system at the Bethesda vegetable project, a demonstration farm designed to help nationals increase production of foodstuffs under less than ideal conditions.

Additional appropriations were made of \$5,000 each to Peru, Colombia and Korea and for Ugandan refugees in Kenya. In Peru, the money will help buy food, seeds for replanting and some housing for victims of flooding in the Bagu-Chachapoyas area, still inundated with floodwaters at the end of March.

In Colombia, residents of Old Providence Island have suffered hunger and

huge losses of dairy cattle due to a three-year drought. Farmers cannot give milk to children because they must make efforts to save small calves; some cattle have been slaughtered for lack of food. Relief money will go to purchase an immediate supply of five tons of feed for the animals and food for the people.

In Korea, the allocation has been earmarked for a revolving fund and for benevolent needs in that country. And, in Kenya, the funds, for resettlement, food and medical needs for Ugandan refugees, will be administered by the Ugandan mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda).



Waters rose more than five feet causing extensive flood damage on a small South Brazil island in the Parana River in early March. Geraldo Silva (left), a local evangelist, and W. Eugene Grubbs (right), relief and disaster response consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, survey the damage. The board has responded with a \$110,000 appropriation for flood relief. Silva spent 19 days transporting the flood victims from the island to the mainland. He also sold his own household furniture to help feed the displaced people. (BP) photo

FMB Assists Philippine Fire Victims

OZAMIS CITY, Philippines (BP) — To aid victims of an 11-hour fire which destroyed 7,000 homes here on March 31, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has made available \$7,000 from relief funds.

Forty-two Baptist families lost possessions in the 21-block area, according to William T. Roberson, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Robert N. (Bob) Nash, administrator of the Philippine Baptist Mission, requested the money for housing, medicine, food, clothing and miscellaneous expenses.

Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Waldron, have helped to supply food for the estimated 35,000 left homeless.

Ninety-seven percent of the congregation of the Ozamis City Baptist Church lost homes in the fire. Of the request, \$3,400 will go to help in housing reconstruction.

Pray For Peace May 30

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter has designated Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, as a Day of Prayer for Permanent Peace. He has asked that at 11:00 a.m. on that day the people in every locality in the nation unite in prayer.

The action comes in response to an act of Congress in 1950 asking the President to proclaim Memorial Day in memory of the men and women who have died in battle in defense of the ideals of the American nation.

President Carter asked that both government and private persons fly the flag at half-staff until noon on Memorial Day.

"The greatest honor we can pay those who have given their lives in our nation's defense is to serve the ideals for which they died," Carter said.

The proclamation continued: "We properly honor these men and women on Memorial Day—as we honor those who fought and lived, to continue the struggle for peace, freedom, justice, and human rights."

"Those of us who have survived the battle, or who never had to bear it, must work to assure that no American will ever be asked to offer up his or her life in war unless the survival of our nation or of democracy itself is at stake."

"Let us remember on Memorial Day those who have lived and died in pursuit of a just peace. Let us pray that, like them, we will leave behind us a stronger nation and a better world."

SBC Charter Bus Passes Available

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Special charter bus passes will be available for persons attending the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting here in June, according to the SBC transportation committee.

The passes, good for four days, June 13-16, will cost \$10 each on the scene in Kansas City and \$8 each if bought in advance by contacting SBC Bus Shuttle Service, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5001 N. Oak Street Trafficway, Kansas City, Mo. 64118.

A spokesman said one taxicab trip from outlying motels costs more than the four-day pass and that no parking will be available in downtown Kansas City unless the person is staying in downtown Kansas City.

Messengers to the convention will not be able to ride the special chartered buses without a pass, which will be available at all outlying motels. The passes will not be usable on regular metro buses.

The spokesman said buses will start moving each morning at 7:30, that each motel will have a color code, and that concession stands will open early each morning for those who want a light breakfast at the convention center's Bartle Hall.

In other announcements, a spokesman said the postal station at Bartle Hall, which will operate each day, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 13-16, will have items of interest to philatelists, in addition to regular postal services. Also, special philatelic units of the U. S. Postal Service are available, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in both Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. — 315 West Pershing Road in the Missouri side and 1021 Pacific on the Kansas side.

Calvary Baptist Church, 3921 Baltimore Street, the oldest Southern Baptist church in Kansas City, has invited all persons attending to the SBC and related meetings to an open house, Sunday June 12.

Former pastors of the 137-year-old church will preach at two services that day. Conrad Willard, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Miami, will preach at 11 a.m.; Dotson M. Nelson Jr., pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, and first vice president of the SBC, will preach at the 7 p.m. service, which will be followed by a reception.

Good News Texas Blossoms

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from the live audience during the Phil Donahue Show. Some expressed concern about spending money in the media rather than giving it "to feed the poor."

When some in the audience expressed reservations about using the media to share something as

personal as religion, Donahue said, "Well, Jesus went out where the people are."

And when someone said, "I don't think we should evangelize," Donahue responded, "We Christians are taught that we are to be missionaries."

Spots on Hare Krishna, atheism and the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon had been developed especially for the program to contrast with the "Liv-

ing Proof" spots. "I've never been so proud of the gospel in my life as when I saw it compared with these other religions," said Elder.

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Cooperative Missions

Associational Emphasis Week Shows Mission Strategy Value

By J-Ray Grissett

Mississippi Churches and Associations along with other Southern Baptists will be engaged in a new denominational emphasis this year. May 16-22, 1977, has been set aside as the official date for "Associational Emphasis Week."

The purpose of "Associational Emphasis Week" is to communicate to church members the importance and functions of the association: what it does, how it works, and how it is supported. Stated in somewhat different terms, it is to: "Create an awareness of, and to foster an appreciation for, the work of associations among members of Southern Baptist Churches."

The success of this first year's "As-

sociational Emphasis" will depend on the Director of Missions, the Associational Missions Committee and especially the pastor and other leaders in the local church. Material to be used in this emphasis has already been provided by the Cooperative Missions Department to Associational Directors of Missions and key Church Leaders around the state.

Why do we need this emphasis? Denominational leaders as never before are affirming the value of the association as the primary unit in local missions strategy beyond the local church. It is the one place where missions is done first hand and not just supported financially. Speaking of financial support, the uniform church

letters listed \$22.5 million contributed by churches for associational missions in 1976. This exceeds the Home Mission Board receipts. Besides, associational promotional of the cooperative program and the special missions offerings is vital to our World Mission effort.

Last Year Mississippi focused attention on the associational missions work with an "Associational Day" which will be done again this year in the month of August. It is felt that either of these emphases will be advantageous, but since the entire convention will be involved in the upcoming "Associational Emphasis Week," you are encouraged to promote this locally in your own associations and churches.

SBC CP Receipts

Nearly 9% Ahead

NASHVILLE (BP) — Receipts for the first seven months of the 1976-77 fiscal year of the national Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Cooperative Program unified budget were 8.94 percent ahead of the same point last year.

After six months, the Cooperative Program receipts were 10.07 percent ahead but dropped when giving reported in April 1977 ran only 2.72 percent ahead of the same month last year.

State Baptist conventions, which receive state Cooperative Program receipts from SBC churches, forwarded \$30,240,612 for worldwide SBC mission causes from October 1976 through April 1977, compared with \$27,759,332 for the same period last year.

Cooperative Program receipts for April 1977, were \$4,386,683, an increase of \$115,996 over gifts for April 1976, according to the financial planning office of the SBC Executive Committee.

Total SBC receipts through April, including the more than \$30 million year-to-date Cooperative Program figure and another \$31,466,044 in designated contributions, amount to \$61,706,655 — a 7.83 percent increase over the \$57,227,348 given last year for the same period.

Designated receipts alone show a 6.78 percent increase over the \$29,467,916 given in the first seven months of the 1975-76 fiscal year.

The Missions Task

Are You Keeping Pace?

By John Alexander, Director
Stewardship Department, MBCB

Every concerned and informed Baptist is interested in the part his or her church and association take in world-wide missions. Listed below is a four-year comparative study, by associations, of mission giving through the Cooperative Program. The statewide average increase was 38 percent. At least a 30 percent increase was necessary just to maintain in 1976 what was done in 1973 because of inflation. Associations making less than a 30 percent increase have lost ground in mission buying power! While they are giving more dollars, those dollars buy 30 percent less than they did four years ago. Is your association keeping pace?

Special congratulations is due the New Choctaw association, composed of Indian churches from five counties,

which showed an increase of 90 percent in their mission giving through the Cooperative Program in the past four years.

Several questions should concern the readers of this report: (1) Why have some associations showed such remarkable gains in mission giving? (2) What can our church do to improve or correct the situation in our association? (3) How can we share our faith with every living person in the world in the next 24 years with some associations actually losing ground in their mission giving?

Consultation with local church leaders, programs, materials, and guidance in developing committed Christian givers is available from the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205 (354-3704).

ASSOCIATION	INCREASE		
1. New Choctaw	90%	38. Clarke	37
2. Marshall	80	39. Jones	37
3. Sharkey-Isaq	76	40. Lebanon	37
4. Lowndes	70	41. Riverside	37
5. Wayne	69	42. Tate	37
6. Quitman	67	43. Washington	37
7. Greene	63	44. Lafayette	35
8. Lamar	63	45. Franklin	34
9. Carroll	62	46. Leake	34
10. Oktibbeha	61	47. Lincoln	34
11. Alcorn	57	48. Pontotoc	34
12. Walthall	57	49. Winston	34
13. Bolivar	56	50. Choctaw	33
14. Humphrey	56	51. Marion	32
15. Jackson	56	52. Clay	31
16. Lee	56	53. Lauderdale	31
17. Montgomery	56	54. Newton	31
18. Rankin	56	55. Jeff-Davis	29
19. Smith	51	56. Pike	29
20. Tishomingo	51	57. Chickasaw	28
21. George	50	58. Calhoun	27
22. Lawrence	50	59. Hinds-Madison	27
23. Webster	50	60. Adams	26
24. Covington	48	61. Leflore	26
25. Monroe	48	62. Union	26
26. Simpson	48	63. Union County	26
27. DeSoto	46	64. Attala	25
28. Mississippi	46	65. Copiah	25
29. Benton	45	66. Neshoba	24
30. Yazoo	45	67. Sunflower	24
31. Pearl River	44	68. Jasper	23
32. Perry	43	69. Kemper	23
33. Warren	42	70. Tallahatchie	23
34. Gulf Coast	40	71. Tippah	17
35. Itawamba	40	72. Panola	16
36. Neshoba	38	73. Grenada	12
37. Yalobusha	38	74. Holmes	12
		75. Scott	4
		76. Prentiss	4

Ethnic-Migrant Workshop

The Ethnic-Migrant Workshop scheduled for May 12-13, and sponsored by Cooperative Missions Department of the MBCB, has been cancelled.

MC To Award Degrees To 486

Mississippi College will award degrees to 486 students, including four honorary degrees, as the college holds its 151st commencement exercises on Sunday, May 22, beginning at 3 p.m. in the Jackson City Auditorium.

Diplomas will be awarded according to schools by Lewis Nobles, president of the college. Assisting the president will be Charles E. Martin, vice president for academic affairs; Edward McMillan, dean of the Graduate School; Mrs. Mary Libby Payne, dean

of the school of Law; D. Gray Miley, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration; and Marion Bassett, dean of the School of Nursing.

Pre-commencement activities will get underway on May 21, at 8:15 a.m., with a senior breakfast. Following the breakfast will be the nursing alumni brunch at 9 a.m., the nursing alumni meeting at 10 p.m., nursing pinning ceremonies at 11:15 a.m., the nursing luncheon at 12:15 p.m., and a reception for graduates and parents sponsored

by the senior class from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m.

At 4 p.m. Saturday, there will be a reception for the 50-year Club at the Hendrick house followed by a banquet at 6:30.

Sunday's activities will include a Golden Anniversary Breakfast honoring the class of 1927, followed by an invitation luncheon before commencement exercises begin at 3 p.m.

Church Training

Time For Fun, Seriousness Scheduled For Senior Adults



Sessoms



Bizzell

Fun, fellowship, and entertainment will be interspersed with serious discussions in a series of area Senior Adult Fellowships scheduled May 23-27. The fun and fellowship will be led by Bob Sessoms of the Baptist Sunday School Board; and the serious discussions by Clyde K. Bizzell of Pensacola.

Fla. and Louis Scholle of Blue Mountain College. Kermit S. King, MBCB Consultant for Senior Adult Ministries, is coordinating plans for these fellowships.

Sessoms, author of Senior Adult Mixers, is consultant in the Sunday School-Board's Church Recreation Department. Bizzell is associate pastor of First Church, Pensacola, and involved in the senior adult program of his own church. Scholle is Director of Educational and Clinical Programs in Gerontology along with his duties as chairman of the Department of Education and Psychology at Blue Mountain College.

Five fellowships are scheduled: May 23, First Church, Greenville; May 24, First Church, Oxford; May 25,

First Church, Columbus; May 26, Calvary Church, Jackson; May 27, Temple Church, Hattiesburg.

Starting time is 9:30 a.m. with adjournment set at 2:00 p.m. Each person attending is asked to bring his own "brown bag" lunch. Drink and dessert will be provided without charge at the host church.

Entertainment features during the lunch hour will include Calvin Greene of Greenville, young magician and ventriloquist, in the three north Mississippi fellowships; the Morrison Heights Ladies Washboard Band at Jackson; and Athens McNeill, magician, at Hattiesburg.

NASHVILLE (BP) — The need for additional Sunday Schools and churches to compensate for rapidly rising population is the basis for a newly announced cooperative effort of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Sunday School and Home Mission Boards.

Grady C. Cothen and William G. Tanner, executive heads of the Sunday School and Home Mission Boards respectively, said the two agencies want to work with state Baptist convention and association leadership in a thrust to begin thousands of new Sunday Schools and church-type missions.

The sponsoring church, association, state convention and the Sunday School Board will work together in campaigns to start and organize new Sunday Schools.

SBC Directors Of Missions To Meet In Overland Park

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Directors of Missions Conference, confronting a theme of "Creative Relationships," will be held here, June 12-13, prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting, June 14-16, Kansas City, Mo.

Speakers include William G. Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham; Robert D. Dale, a career guidance specialist from the SBC Sunday School Board, Nashville;

Also, Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh; William J. Cumbie, director of missions for the Mt. Vernon Baptist Association, Alexandria, Va.; and Don Hammer of the Home Mission Board. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.,

June 12, in the Glenwood Manor Motel, U. S. Highway 69 and 92nd St., and closes with a 12:30 p.m. address, June 13, according to John Brown, president of the Directors of Missions Conference and executive secretary of the Norfolk (Va.) Baptist Association.

New York (RNS) — A protest against a planned cross-burning ceremony of the Ku Klux Klan, scheduled for Mother's Day, May 8, is being organized by the anti-racism commission of the Council of Churches of the City of New York. Robert Kinlock, chairman of the commission, said, "When we find out the time and the place of the cross burning, we will be there. We will be calling in our troops from around the country to join us. We ran the Klan underground in Georgia only to find it is working out in the open in our own back yard. When we can go on a bus to fight racism, it is time for us to make a stand here."

BROTHERHOOD

State Tour Points Out Mission Work

The 1977 State Mission Tour, which takes place May 23-24, will offer Mississippi Baptists an opportunity to see a great variety of mission work areas in our own state. The tour will be focusing on the northwestern section of Mississippi where Baptists have language, pioneer, resort, and institutional mission ministries.

"The purpose of this tour is to provide church members an opportunity to see how their mission money is being spent," said Paul Harrell, director of the state Brotherhood Department which sponsors the tour, "and to observe the needs and methods in mission work." The tour will visit Cleveland and Shelby language mission work with the Chinese and Spanish. At Parchman, the state penitentiary, the group will visit the chaplaincy ministry.

Southaven, just south of Memphis, has a unique opportunity for ministry with its pioneer mission work, and Grenada, with its popular Grenada Lake Resort area, provides great opportunities for resort ministries," said Harrell.

Two highlights of the tour will be a visit to the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis and a tour of Central Hills Baptist Retreat, the new man and boy camp now under construction near Kosciusko.

Cost for the tour will be \$25 per person. This includes transportation and lodging. Meals will be paid for by the individual. Anyone interested in joining those already signed up should send a \$5.00 registration fee to the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Two State Stations Carry "Streams In The Desert"

"Streams In The Desert," the newest program in the Radio and Television Commission's series of public service offerings, was launched on 15 stations, April 17, including WMIS, Natchez, and WHEN, Hattiesburg.

The half-hour radio show is designed to fit the wall-to-wall station's need for religious public service programming.

"While the music is basically selected from commercial albums, religious overtones are smoothly woven into the overall program," said Jerome B. Pil-

low, the Commission's vice president, marketing services.

"Inspirational thoughts, interspersed between a range of fine instrumental and vocal music, will be read by the announcer, Gary C. Smith. This eliminates the pastoral tones and delivery that earmarks most religious broadcasting," said Pillow.

Pillow said Smith voices a mixture of essays, poetry, and thought-provoking comments in an appealing mixture designed to find family-wide acceptance with young and old.

Critical Care Is Examined At MBMC Seminar For Doctors

Care of the critically-ill patient will be the subject of a seminar May 27-28 at the Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, with emphasis on current trends in such care.

The seminar is sponsored by the Critical Care Services and Medical Education Committee of MBMC and is open to physicians and carries eleven hours of credit toward the Physician Recognition Award category of the American Medical Association.

It is also open, at no charge, to critical-care nursing personnel and to respiratory therapists.

Applications and requests for additional information should be directed to Dr. John Bussey, Director of Medical

Education, Mississippi Baptist Medical Center.

Heading the guest faculty will be Dr. Max H. Weil, Clinical Professor of Medicine and Biomedical Engineering, University of Southern California School of Medicine and Director of the Shock Research Unit, Center for the Critically Ill, Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Weil will discuss current concepts in critical-care medicine as well as acute circulatory failure, with special reference to colloid oncotic pressure.

The seminar gets under way at 8:15 a.m. on May 27 with a welcome and introduction of participants by Dr. Bussey.

Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

Kansas City Municipal Auditorium Arena

Kansas City, Mo.

June 12-13, 1977

Sunday Night, June 12

7:00 Musical Concert—

7:30 Welcome and Presentation of Program—Jerry Vines, SBC Pastors' Conference president and pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

8:30 Message—Stephen Olford, Encounter Ministries, Holmes Beach, Fla.

Monday Morning, June 13

9:00 Musical Concert—

9:30 Bible Study—Warren Wiersbe

10:00 Message—John T. Tippet Jr., pastor, Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, Ga.

10:40 Message—Homer Lindsay Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

11:20 Message—Charles Odum, lay speaker, North Little Rock, Ark.

Monday Afternoon, June 13

2:00 Musical Concert—

2:15 Bible Study—Warren Wiersbe

3:15 Message—Clyde Narramore, Christian psychologist, Narramore Christian Foundation, Rosemead, Calif.

3:40 Election of Officers—

4:00 Message—Sam Cathey, evangelist, Owasso, Okla.

Monday Night, June 13

6:45 Musical Concert—

7:00 Message—R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

8:10 Message—W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.

9:00 Message—Stephen Olford

Music will be provided in the sessions by: R. O. Stone, minister of music, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.; director, accompanists, Mrs. R. O. Stone, pianist, Mobile, Ala.; and Mr. John Bos, organist, of the E. J. Daniels evangelistic team, Orlando, Fla.; singers, the Murk Family, Wheaton, Ill.; Steve Boat, evangelistic singer, Boca Raton, Fla.; Jerry Wayne Bernard, evangelistic singer, Houston, Tex.; the Stone Family, Mobile, Ala.; and Pam Moore and Janet Vines of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile.

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Decade Of Advance Continues

Mississippi Baptists are giving of their means in greater amounts than ever before. Over the past four years gifts from the churches through the Cooperative Program have increased significantly. This means that gifts from the individual Baptists have increased also, for the Cooperative Program is a method of individual participation.

During the past four years also Mississippi Baptists have moved into a program of renewed statewide witnessing called A Decade of Advance. This concept was designed so that the ripples from the statewide effort would be felt across the nation and around the world.

A Decade of Advance, established to continue from 1975 through 1984, was prophetic, for shortly thereafter the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a goal of seeking to make the gospel available to every person in the world by the end of this century. This mis-

sions challenge was adopted by the convention last year in Norfolk. A part of the worldwide effort is the goal of making the gospel available to everyone in the United States by the end of this decade. This is the Bold Mission Thrust that is under way now.

All of these efforts, one in our state, one across the nation, and one worldwide, are simply means of carrying out the Great Commission. We are not being noble in creating some great and lofty program for witnessing. We are just doing what we've been told to do.

These efforts must be financed, however, and to do that adequately we must give of our means on a greater scale than ever before. We all have to get involved. We must go or we must provide financing so that others can go. And it is more, really, then just giving of our means. It is giving ourselves, and the finances are part of it.

So we are giving more than ever before, but the needs are so much greater

than ever had been projected before. It's been said time and again that the great reservoir of Southern Baptist financial strength has hardly been tapped.

Giving in Mississippi has increased dramatically during the past four years. A challenging budget was established last year by the Mississippi Baptist Convention, however, in order to try to meet the missions needs that are before us. At this point we are a quarter of a million dollars behind that budget for 1977.

Dr. Earl Kelly, the executive secretary-treasurer for Mississippi Baptists, has pointed out that of Cooperative Program giving continuing higher levels is a cause for rejoicing and the fact that the budget is not being met at this point is not a cause for pessimism.

He calls attention, however, to the greater missions work that could be accomplished if the financing becomes available.

Now What?

One wonders, sometimes, what some facets of the entertainment industry are trying to do to us.

At least, this one does.

When the writer was much younger, entertainment seemed to be contrived for the purpose of entertaining. This seemed to be a reasonable approach, but then the writer was young and naive.

As the writer advanced in age, elements of the entertainment industry seemed to feel that they had reached the stage where they could comment on life as it was rather than simply entertain.

Life as it was not very pretty, so entertainment to some degree lost some of its glamor and excitement and took on a more sordid atmosphere.

There seems to be a possibility now that some interests in the industry feel that, more than entertaining or commenting on life, they must seek to affect the direction of life.

For instance, according to the Associated Press, Rod McKuen, an entertainer and song writer, has announced his intention of seeking to enlist every entertainer possible in a concerted effort to make fun of Anita Bryant. He wants to throttle Miss Bryant's attacks of a new ordinance in

Miami that would allow homosexuals to teach in public schools and serve in other public offices.

One wonders just how successful McKuen will be. The outcome, however it goes, will be a commentary on the entertainment industry.

There was no attempt in the foregoing statements to pre-judge the industry before its response is noted on the McKuen request. These were simply the observations of the writer on the direction parts of the industry have taken during the years of the writer's awareness.

Whether many in the industry will stoop to persecute a fellow entertainer in the manner suggested by McKuen remains to be seen. We should hope not.

Somewhere, sometime, in some way some lines are going to have to be drawn to say we have gone this far—we will go no further. In this day of so many groups agitating for rights of one sort or another and the courts generally agreeing with them, it is difficult to know where to draw the lines and know that they can remain fixed.

Bible believers will try to fix their social lines on biblical concepts. Non-believers, on the other hand, might declare that because they are not believ-

ers there is no reason for them to be bound in any such way.

All right—the fight is on. It is nothing new. It has been on for ages, and it seems we are losing ground.

There doesn't seem to be any way to escape the position, however, based on Paul's statements, that homosexuality is at least to be avoided if it is not outright sinful.

Homosexuality is a deviant life style and cannot be shrugged off. Is this where we draw the line? Surely it should not be drawn any farther away from normal at least for public school teachers.

Many have watched Miss Bryant's efforts through newspaper accounts and have applauded her courage. Surely she and her family have suffered already because of her stand and will suffer more. Now comes one who evidently has announced to the world that he intends to see that she suffers even more for her convictions.

Many may say—well she just bit off more than she should have. She should have known better.

There is no question but that she had some notion as to what she was getting into. She also knows that lines are not established by backing up.

The time has come to establish a barrier.

Personally...

I once served as interim music director in a church where the pastor had been chairman of the SBC committee on order of business. This is the committee that prepares what might be called the program, though it is more properly just what it is called—the order of business.

This very capable and dedicated pastor gave me some insight into the work of the committee, and it is a task of major proportions.

It is difficult to determine the rationale, however, for the invitation of Andrew Young to address this year's Southern Baptist Convention. Nothing seems to fit.

Never before has an ambassador to the United Nations been invited to

speech. It is difficult to see any reason that Young should be the first one to be invited from that standpoint.

He is a cabinet member of a Southern Baptist President, but that affords no reason. He is not a Southern Baptist, and indeed his job requirements likely do not list any need for religious affiliation—though he is a church member.

He is a political figure, and our most recent experience with inviting a political figure, which was as recent as last year, caused a great deal of concern. President Ford in 1976 made a very admirable and commendable speech, but there was a great deal of comment about his invitation before the convention. It would seem that this experience would have caused the commit-

tee to move slowly in the invitation of another political figure.

There is no question but that the invitation went to Young some time ago, early in his time as ambassador. Surely it was before he began to make himself unwelcome in some capital cities around the world.

Be all of that as it may, if he has something to say to us he should be heard regardless of his welcome in other places. There, then, is the criterion. Does he have something to say to us? The committee evidently feels he does.

He is unwelcome in some places. Let's make sure he is not unwelcome at the Southern Baptist Convention. Now that he's coming, let's hear him.—DTM

Letters To The Editor

More Story Needed

Dear Sir:
"Letters to the Editor" activities are not one of my usual forms of literary endeavors, but I feel the edition of April 21 must be commented on.

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The news item and picture related to the death of Dr. Courts Redford deserved a far better placement and more detailed coverage than page three and two paragraphs. Dr. Redford's multiple year of service for his Lord and Southern Baptists, and Mississippi Baptists too, certainly appears to me to demand more than you appeared to be inclined to provide.

I am fully aware that when one has served his time and "done his due" he ought to fade into the background and let those who follow him be free to function without interference. This has appeared to be the attitude of Dr. Redford... but when that one has died, I do believe he deserves a bit more memorializing than page three and two paragraphs.

Back in 1960, at the appointment service in Atlanta when Barbara and I were set aside for service among language people, I dimly recall Dr. Redford's saying something to the effect that he would continue to pray for us as long as he lived. I for one will be a little "short changed" in prayer coverage now that he is gone. His handwritten notes sent on our far too numerous birthdays are part of our fondest memorabilia. Perhaps as you read

this and even perhaps print this note, these comments will serve as an additional word of appreciation to a great leader whose day is gone, but whose influence will continue to be experienced for many years to come.

R. L. Mefford
Home Board Missionary serving among Northern Cheyenne Indians.

We appreciate this letter from a home missionary who once was assigned to work with Indians in Mississippi, and his point is well taken. —Editor

Was Story Necessary?

Dear Editor:
Those of us who knew and loved Ford Dawson were shocked to read the article in April 14th issue of the Baptist Record. The story had already been heard and seen over and over in the news media. Your bold print article in the Baptist Record was another sorrow to the grieving family and friends of Major Dawson. I think your readers need to hear the other side of the coin.

I have known Ford Dawson since the day he started to school in September 1930. He was a fine boy and an "A" student from grammar school through getting his PhD in clinical psychology. He was a friendly, loving, capable man who served his country faithfully for

Book Reviews

TRIALS, TEARS AND TRIUMPH by Dale Evans Rogers (Fleming H. Revell, \$4.95, 128 pp.) Dale Evans Rogers, popular singer and entertainer, has spent many years "on the road" in show business. She and her husband Roy Rogers have raised nine children, five of them adopted. She has written a dozen bestselling books. This newest one is her account of her present life on the road which she calls "The King's Highway." She shares her frustrations and joys and the triumphs of her appearances before mass audiences, and on radio and TV, as she gives testimony to the faith that has shaped her life.

YOU MUST BE JOKING by Michael Green (Tyndale House, paper, 220 pp., \$1.95) Popular excuses for avoiding Jesus Christ. "I have collected here," writes Green, "A number of very common assumptions about the most important issues in life. These assumptions sound good, but they won't do. They are dangerous fallacies, and offer no proper foundation for life. Time and again when people have expressed these ideas, I have felt (or said), 'You must be joking!'" For instance: "It doesn't matter what you believe, so long as you are sincere," or "I do my best. No man can do more" or "You can't change human nature."

SING A GENTLE BREEZE by Mary Soergel (Tyndale House, paper, \$4.95, 266 pp.) This is the absorbing, true story of a disintegrating family's desperate search for wholeness. Mary Soergel's son had a brain tumor and her husband was an alcoholic. This combination threatened the emotional stability of the entire family. Seeking an answer to the fear, anger, and confusion engulfing them, each of the Soergels chose to face the family crisis in a different way.

NO ONE'S PERFECT by Betty Carlson (Good News Publishers, paper, 192 pp., \$3.50) Writing from her tiny chalet high in the Swiss Alps, Betty Carlson brings a delightful world to life. The result is a fun-filled encounter with dozens of memorable characters and unforgettable scenes. More than this, Betty looks beneath appearances and shares her deep spiritual insight. The book also provides a glimpse into the L'Abri community founded by Francis and Edith Schaeffer, where Betty has lived for more than ten years.

COME AND SEE by Ken Medema; Word Books, Waco, Texas; 142 pages; \$5.95.

This blind singer, pianist, and composer weaves the story of his life around lyrics from his sons. The story is structured by Joyce Norman, a free-lance writer formerly of the Birmingham News. Medema tells of his experiences of growing up as one of the two blind children in his family and how that handicap drew his family closer to God. He tells of both his frustrating and his rewarding experiences. Many of the chapters are introduced by Medema lyrics.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO AUNTIE JEAN? by Paul White with illustrations by Peter Oram (Regal Books). This book for young children is a frank, practical approach to death. When the children's Aunt Jean dies, the whole family talks about what has happened to her, and about the fact that she is alive, as Jesus is alive. The areas of the Bible referred to are 1 Corinthians 15 and John 14:1-6.

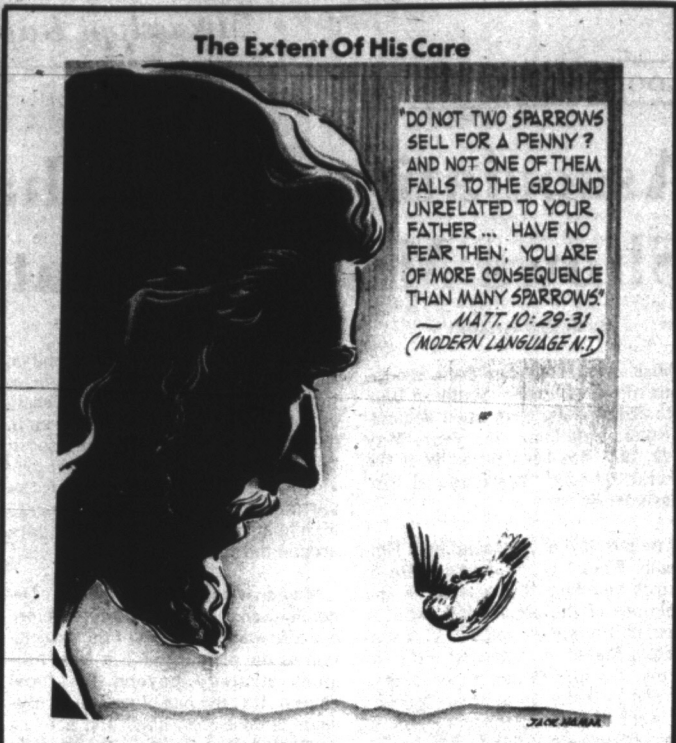
more than twenty years. His strange ideas and out-of-character actions after a nervous breakdown could be the fate of anyone of us who think of ourselves as being of sound mind today.

I don't think the author of the article or the publishers of the Baptist Record intended to add to the sorrow of the family and friends. I bring this to your attention with the hope that some others in the future might be spared unnecessary publicity.

Mrs. Glenn Trotter
Clinton, MS

Thank you very much for your letter. We surely appreciate it, for seldom is the entire story ever known. We go to press every week knowing that there are things we need to know that we have to way of knowing or that we simply do not have time to track down.

In the preparation of this particular story we sought to handle the details very carefully. The writer is a professional in his vocation and approached it in a professional manner. The pastor of the church was in our office for sometime in aiding our preparation. The writer and the entire staff are also compassionate Christians, and we do not run stories of this nature because we enjoy it. We feel we have no choice. Editor.



Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

We Have An Anchor

When the Castel Felice sailed from Wolfe's Cove Pier, Quebec, at 6 p.m. on July 2, 1955, I was among the 1254 passengers. Some Mississippi faces I was to see regularly on the nine-day voyage were Betty Joyce Upton, Sara Ann Bullock, B. J. Runnels, Edith Alexander, J. R. Dudley, and Louie Farmer. We were on our way to the Baptist World Alliance Congress in London.

Dr. and Mrs. Chester Quarles and Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Goodrich were on another ship. They had left W. R. Roberts in charge as interim executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and Joe Abrams as interim editor of the Baptist Record. They were to be in Europe and the Holy Land for two months.

By Tuesday we had parted company with the St. Lawrence River and the Straits of Belle Isle and were well into the open sea. Though the ship was beginning to rock severely, I was still bragging that I would not be seasick. I lived to eat my words, for the next two days the Castel Felice matched forces with rough weather. The crewmen tried to pacify the passengers by underplaying the gravity of the situation. Wanda Blumhust, a Missourian, asked a sailor if this were a storm. He laughed. "The sea is calm!"

Heavy fog followed the storm. Wanda, thinking of the icebergs that might still be out there, said, "I hope the radar doesn't give out!"

While the gale was at its height, we had to cling to railings or anything else stationary to be able to climb stairs, or to walk, for that matter. Sara Ann smashed her finger in a slamming door. The decks were going up and down non-stop; then suddenly for me they began to go around, too.

"Don't miss a meal. That way you won't be seasick," Louie had advised. I hadn't missed a meal, but I was seasick—no doubt about it. As long as I lay on my bunk with my eyes shut I could almost convince myself I would live.

Getting into the bunk in the first place was not easy. I was traveling strictly tourist class and was sleeping in the lower regions of the ship in a room for 50 people. I took my pajamas

out of the suitcase, then slid the suitcase under the bed beside the one of the person sleeping in the bunk above. I took my camera and shoes out of the two-foot aisle and set them on top of the suitcase. Then I stuck my billfold and passport under my pillow.

Once in the bunk I closed my eyes, but the light still hurt them. I tied a wet towel around my head. The ship's engines made the bunk quiver, and the rise and swell of the waves (would it never stop?) made me roll from side to side. The wet laundry hanging from the springs of the upper bunk was dripping on me.

But I have found that most bad things do come to an end. Saturday dawned on a calm sea, glistening in the sunshine. When we saw the coast of England at 1 p.m. I knew how Christopher Columbus' men must have felt when they cried "Land!"

An hour and a half later, the ship stopped with a jolt as if we had hit a stump or someone had snatched off the propeller. We had dropped anchor in Southampton Harbor. As J. R. Dudley described it in his notebook, "There were sailboats all around and motor launches putting by to a castle over on the Isle of Wight. We all broke our necks to get to the rail. Of course, there was only room for the elite (those who got there first)."

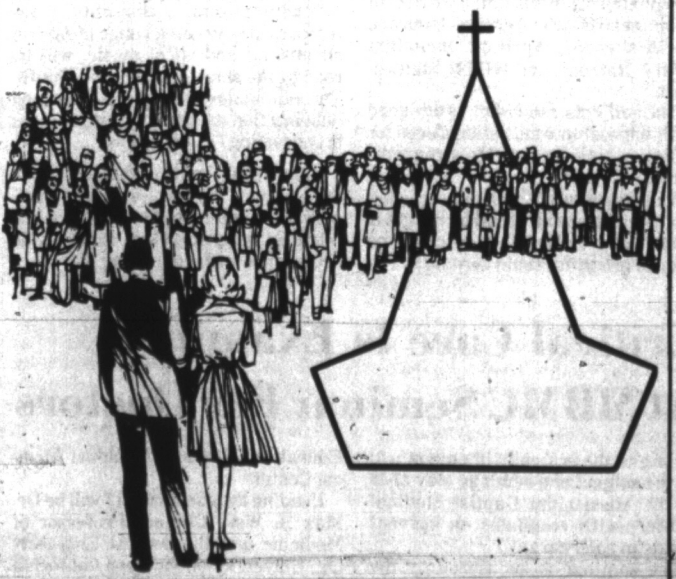
We had to wait until 7 p.m., when the tide came in, before the ship could dock. We did not disembark until next morning, but we knew that the Castel Felice was anchored and that we had found safe harbor for the night.

I remember a hymn we used to sing at County Line Church: "We have an anchor that keeps the soul, steadfast and sure while the billows roll, fastened to the Rock which cannot move, grounded firm and deep in the Savior's love."

"For Christians, our God is triune, divine and eternal," Norma Alloway wrote. "He is a God who does not invade lives. He is a Captain who quietly waits to be invited on board."

I cannot expect that because I am a Christian I will escape the storms, but I know I have a Captain who can bring my ship in on course. And for the end of the voyage I have an anchor.

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Leaving Vietnam Was 'Grief Experience'

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By Leland Webb
RICHMOND (BP) — Make no mistake. Leaving Vietnam or neighboring Laos was a grief experience for the Southern Baptist missionaries assigned to those two countries until 1975.

It meant leaving friends and years of work. For some of the missionary children, it meant leaving the land they knew best as home.

The suddenness of South Vietnam's collapse took them all by surprise, they reflect now.

"I was sitting on a committee for long-range planning for the Vietnam Baptist Mission, and within two weeks I was out of the country," missionary Petyon M. Moore, now assigned to Hong Kong, recalled.

"I live with remorse," says H. Earl Bengs Jr., reassigned to Sarawak, Malaysia. "Did I do all I could have done? Did I stay as long as I should have?"

Finally assured that he stayed as long as was reasonable, Bengs still maintains he should have done more, regardless of danger.

"I remember the looks on their faces the last time I went back," he says of the Vietnamese Christians at the Baptist Mission office in Saigon. "They looked at me like I was an angel."

The shock of not returning to Laos hit J. Murphy Terry after a few days in Bangkok, Thailand. He has returned from furlough in the U. S., hoping to go back to Laos.

"I could sit on the bank of the Mekong River and look toward Laos—so close, yet so far away. We don't spring back as easily as we might think," he notes. "Until the crisis becomes yours it's not very real to you."

Herman P. Hayes, now assigned to Indonesia, recalls: "I'm sure our grief experiences from Vietnam were of a far greater nature than more normal grief experiences," with several types all piled into one. "We still have waves of emotional reactions that can't be explained," he says.

Audrey (Mrs. William) Roberson, now in the Philippines, believes the missionaries didn't "honestly face that we wouldn't go back. During the 1960s, missionaries had been evacuated because of coups and returned. I felt strongly that I was leaving for a short period."

"You have to live with the memory of little things," she adds, "such as not following the impulse to give a bag of sugar to a Vietnamese friend or of not giving away our towels—always thinking we would need them when we went back."

It's still doubtful that an opportunity will come anytime soon for Baptist missionaries to reenter Vietnam, according to William R. Wakefield, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Southeast Asia.

"There doesn't appear to be an opportunity under the present (Vietnamese) government for the return of

missionaries," Wakefield recently told Baptist Press.

Several missionaries believe their emotions would have healed more quickly had they all been able to gather in the same place after it became clear they would not return to Vietnam.

But on leaving Saigon, each couple decided their destination—Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, Hong Kong—on

individual bases. Later, when it became clear they would not return to Vietnam, it was too late, they say, to assemble in one spot. And the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has no provision for such a travel request.

"When we first came out, our emotions were raw," Moore recalls, "and we were in something of a shock. We weren't berserk, by any means, but I think, we were undergoing a much

deeper trauma than most of us realized. Then we were concerned with a lot of immediate crises."

The decision to leave Vietnam finally rested with the missionaries. The Foreign Mission Board's policy of supporting a missionary's individual decision about when to leave a field is viewed as "supportive, though it puts a pressure of decision on the missionary," says James L. Kellum Jr., now

assigned to the Philippines. The policy "gave us a great deal of assurance," he recalls.

Financially speaking, there was little we could consider a loss, because the board and Southern Baptists were extremely generous in helping us recoup material losses," Moore says.

At the close of the June, 1976, Baptist Mission meeting in the Philippines, Roberson, who had served in Vietnam since 1959, stood before the group.

"I want to do something I haven't done in a long time," he said; "I want to sing in Vietnamese."

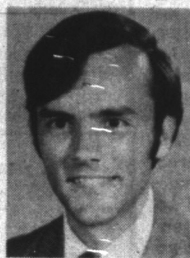
Unsure that he could sing without wavering, he asked the other former missionaries to Vietnam who were assigned to the Philippines mission to join him. And together they sang a simple gospel melody.

The scene may have been a turning point. Roberson and others were at least able to look back. Yet their song may also have been a kind of farewell to a stage of ministry unlikely to be resumed.

(Adapted from *The Commission*. Webb is managing editor of *The Commission*.)



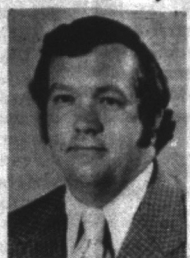
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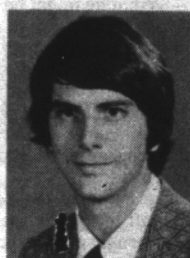
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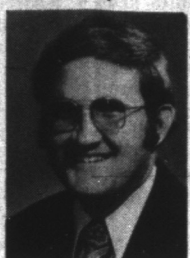
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Ten From State To Graduate At Southwestern

Ten students from Mississippi will receive degrees during spring commencement exercises for Southwestern Seminary to be held at Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, May 13 at 10 a.m. Seminary President Robert E. Naylor is expected to confer 340 degrees and diplomas to the largest graduating class in the seminary's 70 year history. Baker James Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be the commencement speaker. The ten Mississippi graduates are: John E. Beard, New Albany, D/Min; Jack Boyd Bennett, Walnut, M/Div; Glenn Eldwin Bien, Coldwater, M/Div; Phillip M. Bray, Pontotoc, M/Div; Barry Edward Hardy, Columbus, MRE; Larry David Hendricks, Yazoo City, M/Div; David Byron Jones, Vicksburg, MRE; George William McNeese, Hattiesburg, M/Div; Douglas Dale Polk, Prentiss, MCM; and Linda Claire Sinquefield, Jackson, MRE.

Church Doubles Money For Bold Mission Thrust

By Catherine Allen

BIRMINGHAM (BP) — A Birmingham church has doubled its Easter offering for home missions to help launch Southern Baptists' Bold Mission Thrust and to repay the Home Mission Board for funding its founding 32 years ago.

The Mountain Brook Baptist Church will send a check for more than \$10,000 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions because the pastor, Dotson M. Nelson Jr., a former Mississippian, challenged the church to take a bold part in "Bold Mission Thrust," a plan to evangelize and congregationalize the nation.

Nelson, first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and past president of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, launched his church's Week of Prayer for Home Missions with a sermon on Bold Mission Thrust.

He explained goals set by the Home Mission Board to present the gospel to every person in the nation and to place a Southern Baptist congregation within the reach of everyone. Then Nelson reminded his congregation, "We're a child of home missions. In 1944 this church worshipped in a house purchased with \$10,000 from the Home Mission Board."

"I suggest that instead of the \$5,000 goal we have set, we raise \$10,000 and pay the Home Mission Board back for what they put in this church," Nelson told the surprised congregation. "That's boldness!"

"Bold Mission Thrust will be a big job, but it's no bolder than when Jesus told some of his disciples on a hilltop to go out and win the world. That was history's most audacious moment," Nelson proclaimed.

Now, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, once on the receiving end of home missions, has 1,700 members, ranks first among Alabama churches in per capita gifts to missions, ranks second in Alabama in contributions through the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget, and has organized another church.

Bold Mission Thrust proposes to

plant new congregations in 600 counties throughout the United States which presently lack an effective evangelistic witness.

Brazil Seminary Celebrates 75 Years

RECIFE, Brazil (BP) — The North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary celebrated its 75th anniversary in week-long ceremonies here.

Baker J. Cauthen, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's executive director, was the main speaker for the event celebrating the founding of one of the oldest Baptist seminaries in South America.

The institution was founded April 1, 1902, in the home of Southern Baptist Missionary Solomon Ginsburg. Today, it offers degrees in theology, religious education, and sacred music. The seminary has a day school, night school, and correspondence courses. Students from every Brazilian state and some from Portugal are enrolled in the correspondence courses.

Southern Baptist missionary David Mein of Georgia is the seminary's president.

Warsaw (RNS) — The Polish Roman Catholic bishops have sharply criticized what they called Poland's "terrific plague of drunkenness. At present," said the bishops in joint pastoral letter, "we drink nearly three times more alcohol than 20 years ago. We have ever more alcoholics. We realize the immense damage caused by excessive drinking in our country where there are still so many shortcomings and weaknesses. We spend every year vast millions of zlotys on drink and cigarettes. Who can calculate the irreparable damage to human beings, the ruined characters, ruined families, demoralization, and damaged health?"

Kosciusko Calls Gandy

L. Edward Gandy of Bruce has accepted the pastorate of Kosciusko's First Church. The church has been



without a pastor since Harold Kitchings resigned May 31, 1976, to become executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation.

Gandy has served as pastor of First Church of Bruce since January, 1971. He is a graduate of Mississippi College, and has a doctoral degree from New Orleans Seminary. Presently a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, he is past director of evangelism for Calhoun Association and past vice-chairman of the executive committee of the Convention Board.

His wife is the former Joan Eaton of Pelahatchie. They have two daughters, Julia Kay, student at Mississippi College, and Sandra Jo, senior at Bruce High School.

Stetson President

Pope A. Duncan, president of Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Ga., has been elected president of Stetson



University, a Baptist school in DeLand, Fla. The 56-year-old veteran educator and administrator will become the seventh president of Florida's oldest institution of higher learning, succeeding

John E. Johns, who left last summer to accept the presidency of Furman University, Greenville, S. C. (BP) Photo

FMB Recognizes Canzoneri's 30 Years As Missionary

Charles W. Bryan, Foreign Mission Board area secretary for Middle America and the Caribbean, on April 13 presented a pin to Antonina Canzoneri, commemorating her 30 years of service as missionary in Nigeria and the Bahamas.

Miss Canzoneri, a Mississippian, is the daughter of Mrs. Joe Canzoneri and the late Joe Canzoneri of Clinton.

The presentation was made at the Quarterly Fellowship Rally of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary

Governor Finch Proclaims May 22 Grandparents Day

Governor Cliff Finch has proclaimed the month of May, as Older Americans Month in Mississippi. In the proclamation, the Governor urges all Mississippians to join with the Governor's Council on Aging in focusing attention on our State's Senior Citizens this month.

In an additional proclamation, Governor Finch has designated the fourth Sunday in May as Grandparents Day in Mississippi. The Proclamation notes that we have become more aware in recent years of the important guidance given to younger generations by their grandparents; and that the leadership potential of grandparents, who have an accumulated wisdom gained by years of experience, is recognized.

It is suggested that churches honor the following grandparents during services held on Sunday, May 22: the oldest, the youngest, one with the most grandchildren, one with the most great-grandchildren.

and Educational Convention which met at Zion Baptist Church, Nassau.

Joseph L. Roberts, Jr., pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., was guest speaker for the rally. His sermon topic was "Traveling Life's Roadway."

A. S. Colebrook is president and M. C. Symonette is executive secretary of the Bahamas National Baptist Missionary and Education Convention. Bryan presented to them Certificates of Recognition of attendance at a communications workshop in 1976.



Commission Presents Posthumous Service Citation To R. A. McLemore

Mrs. R. A. McLemore receives from Lynn E. May, Jr., executive director of the Historical Commission, SBC, a Distinguished Service Citation in honor of the deceased R. A. McLemore, former member of the Historical Commission, president of Mississippi College, and Mississippi Baptist historian. The presentation was made during the recent joint meeting of the Historical Commission and Southern Baptist Historical Society in Nashville.



A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

It has never seemed logical to me that men die earlier of heart attacks than women. Especially when you consider the beating a mother's heart takes. Not that a father's doesn't take considerable turbulence, too, of course.

But a mother's heart seems to be around more to be more involved. In the course of one day, in addition to all the feelings that rise and fall around her own personal being, a mother vicariously goes through all that her children go through — she runs the full course, most days, from total elation to object dejection. It really is something how hardy the female heart is, after all. Daddies get many of the reports second-hand, instead of being in on the actual experience or hearing the child tell about it. That eases some of the blows, but it also loses some of the excitement of the joyful times.

We had one of those thrilling times this week. A runner from the office came to my room at school and said, "You have a long distance call from your son."

On the way to the phone, I wondered, naturally, which son.

"Hello?" I asked.

"Hey, this is your dumb little kid."

Now, that told me it was Jim, the freshman at Oklahoma Baptist University, not because he is a dumb little kid, but because that's how he has, for a long time, identified himself to me when he calls. It's one of those family things, you know.

"Hey, Dumb Little Kid."

"Are you ready for this?"

"What?" As if I didn't know. For one solid week we had been waiting for the results of the try-outs for the Bison Glee Club.

"I made it!"

Now, who says dreams don't come true?

Jim called James in Natchez to tell him, so Daddy didn't get this joy secondhand. Then James and I talked to share the joy.

But as joyful (to put it mildly) as I was, I had the feeling that a very sweet era had ended.

I think the Dumb Little Kid era has gone into the wings.

Enter the I Really Can Do It By Myself era.

And that's what life is about, after all.



New Missions Center Goes Up

Covington and Jeff Davis Associations recently held a groundbreaking service for their new Missions Center. The Long Range Committee of the association was in charge, with several pastors also taking part. The committee consists of left to right, front row: Ingram L. Foster, Jr., Long Range Chairman; Joe B. Thompson, Building Committee Chairman; Marvin L. Graham, Finance Chairman; L. B. Atchison, Director of Missions; second row, Billy E. Greene; John E. Barrow; W. B. Todd, Sr.; Foy Killingsworth; Norman Robinson; and Lawrence Hemeter. The facility, covering 3500 square feet, is expected to be ready for use by early July.

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North Central Thrust Begins New Church Every 10 Days

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — Since the North Central Missions Thrust got underway at the beginning of 1974, one new Southern Baptist church has been organized every ten days in the seven participating states.

E. Harmon Moore, executive secretary of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, made the announcement here at a meeting of the North Central steering committee.

"Reports show a total of 109 new churches in Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Min-

nesota during that period, "which averages out to almost exactly one new congregation every ten days," Moore said.

The North Central Thrust is a cooperative effort of the seven states to double Southern Baptist work in their area by 1990.

Robert Wilson, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, who will serve as chairman of the 1978 emphasis, said the 1978 goal is for 397 new churches and chapels. Wilson told the steering committee

here that "a unique feature of 1978 is that 397 sponsoring churches are now being enlisted as a springboard for that new work."

"We're inviting the pastors of those 397 sponsoring churches to a kickoff meeting next January 5-7," Wilson said, "together with other leaders in the North Central Missions Thrust."

That meeting will be held in the Downtown Hilton Conference Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., and is expected to attract 580 persons from the seven-state area.

Names In The News



Charles A. Carter, left, chairman of the Trustees of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., talks with Mississippian Rose Davidson McLaughlin of Meridian and Milton Klesch of Kentwood, La. Both McLaughlin and Klesch are graduates of Mississippi College. Carter, of Jackson, was on the campus for the annual meeting of the trustees. He was re-elected as chairman of the Board.



Mrs. Fran Rodgers, right, wife of the executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Children's Village and a 1965 graduate of Mississippi College, has presented the Mississippi College music department with a private collection of musical scores, records, and teaching aids. The collection, valued at nearly \$3,000, includes material for children music education, music history, and piano instruction. According to Jack Lyall, left, Chairman of the Division of Fine Arts, the collection will be housed in the Aven fine arts building and used as a resource library for faculty development. Mrs. Rodgers' collection comes from over 20 years as a musician and instructor in Texas, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. (MC Photo by James Ferrugia.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Warrington, missionaries to Costa Rica, have arrived on the field (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica). They are natives of Mississippi.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Mcelford, missionaries to Spain, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Calvo Sotelo 51, Denia (Alicante) Spain. Natives of Colorado, they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1953 when he was pastor of Osyka (Miss.) Baptist Church.

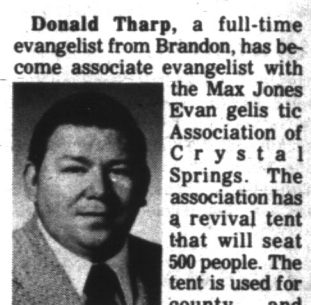
Clifford Ingle, 62, professor of religious education and church administration at Midwestern Seminary, died suddenly of a massive heart attack, April 18, at his suburban Kansas City home.

Stacy Parker, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Parker of Fair Ridge Church, Stringer, has received his five-year bar for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Also Grant Kelly, Sunday School director, presented him with a plaque from the church. Ben H. Evans is pastor.



The Adult Choir of Big Level Church, Wiggins, on April 17 honored the church accompanist, Mrs. Linda Stewart, pianist and Mrs. Elizabeth Ross, organist. Mrs. Stewart, married to R. L. Stewart, has two sons, Lee and Glen. She has served as pianist for five years. Mrs. Ross, married to Leslie Ross, has two sons, Brian and Jason. She has been organist for four years. The presentation of plaques and orchid corsages was made by Joy Preston, choir president and Brenda Edwards, choir officer. Following the evening worship service on April 17, the deacons of Big Level Church honored Pastor Julian Burt with a churchwide reception on the occasion of his 60th birthday. Burt has been pastor of Big Level for three years. Left to right: Brenda Edwards, Elizabeth Ross, Julian Burt, Linda Stewart, Joy Preston.

Michael Thomas Smith has been licensed to the gospel ministry by Border Springs Church, Lowndes County. He has attended East Mississippi Junior College and Mississippi State University. Smith is married and has three children. He is available for pulpit supply or for a pastorate. A. L. Michael is the Border Springs pastor.



Donald Tharp, a full-time evangelist from Brandon, has become associate evangelist with the Max Jones Evangelistic Association of Crystal Springs. The association has a revival tent that will seat 500 people. The tent is used for county and area crusades. The Association does not ask for any financial guarantee to hold a crusade. For more information about a crusade please contact Max Jones (phone 372-4884, home) or Donald Tharp (825-3209, home). Tharp is available for crusades and church revivals.

Tommy Miles has been licensed to the gospel ministry by East Morton Church. Now attending Clarke College, he is available for pulpit supply, teaching, pastorates, interim pastorates, and revivals at any time. He may be contacted at P. O. Box 485, Morton, Miss. 39117 or by phone at 732-6472.



Though policy usually prevents the Baptist Record from printing photos of people, earning Sunday School attendance pins for fewer than five years, here's that proverbial exception. Wanda Trest received her three-year perfect attendance pin on March 20, from Leesburg Church in Morton. And on March 20, she also celebrated her third birthday. She started Sunday School when she was eleven days old and with leap year falling on Sunday in 1976, she was able to receive the pin on her birthday this year. Wanda's parents, Earlene and Charles Wesley Trest, credit the attendance record to Wanda's good health and good Sunday School teachers.

Ralph Kelly, pastor of Green's Creek Church, Petal, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Man in America by the U. S. Jaycees.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Long, missionaries to Belgium, may be addressed at Victor Hugo 81, 1410 Waterloo, Belgium. He is a native of Ethel, Miss.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry B. White, missionaries to Korea, may be addressed at O Jung Dong 201-5, Taejon, Korea 300. Both are natives of Mississippi.

Larry Rohman, pastor of Greenwood's First Baptist Church since May, 1976, has resigned. He cited as reasons for the resignation a desire to be more active in religious counseling and to expand a video tape Bible teaching ministry. Rohman is also former pastor of FBC, Jackson.

Fon Scofield Honored As Audiovisuals Pioneer

ATLANTA (BP)—A lanky, camera-carrying individualist who has circled the world 19 times to capture the story of Southern Baptist missions on film found himself caught in his own medium here.

At a special dinner at Wieuca Road Baptist Church, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board dimmed the lights and made Fon H. Scofield Jr. sit back to watch a special film presentation which portrayed him as a pioneer of audiovisual materials for the religious field.

Scofield, who will retire Aug. 1 after 29 years with the Foreign Mission Board, also received a good-natured "roasting"—a cross between a toast and a roast—as leaders and co-workers gathered to pay him tribute.

Frank K. Weans, the board's area secretary for Eastern South America, recalled that Scofield traveled so widely and sometimes to such dangerous cannibal-infested areas that he was once presented a can of meat tenderizer—so that he might be "good to the end."

During the quarter century from 1950 to 1975, Scofield produced or served as executive producer of 49 motion pictures. Under his leadership, his department produced 96 filmstrips, 86 mixed media programs, 200 slide sets and 28 recordings.

Scofield who came to the board's home office staff in 1948, is associate secretary for program and product development in the board's communications department. Wherever he has traveled, Scofield has been welcomed not only for his professional skill, but also for his good humor.

Executive director of the Foreign

Mission Board, Baker J. Cauthen, giving the concluding testimony, said Scofield should consider himself "a very rich man" to evoke such spontaneous expressions of appreciation from both board members and colleagues. But never, Cauthen said, did Scofield stand taller in his own eyes than when he had to watch the one he loved be ill. Scofield's wife Maude died last October after a lengthy illness.

The special film ended with a whimsical view of Scofield taken through a fisheye lens, a view that faded into a map of the world. Co-worker Kenneth R. Lawson, production specialist in Scofield's department, said the view is appropriate because deep in Fon's heart is the whole world.



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Lottie Moon Co-Worker Dies At 93

BIRMINGHAM (BP)—Mrs. W. W. (Floy White) Adams, who during her early missionary service in China was a co-worker with missionary heroine Lottie Moon, died here April 9 at the age of 93.

Mrs. Adams was the second oldest Southern Baptist emeritus missionary. Mrs. Edgar L. Morgan of Westminster, S. C., also a former missionary to China, is the oldest at 98.

Mrs. Adams and her husband, the late W. W. Adams, served 34 years as missionaries in Tengchow and Dairen, China, before retiring in 1943. She and Adams have fallen in love during their seminary days in Louisville, Ky. After his appointment by the Foreign Mission Board, she remained for a year of additional training before sailing to join him in China in 1909.

While final preparations for the wedding were being made she stayed in the home of Miss Lottie Moon, the senior missionary in Tengchow and the woman for whom Southern Baptists have named their annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

The couple was married on Oct. 28, 1909. In most Chinese weddings, there are two sedan chairs—one for the bride and one for the bridegroom. "In our wedding there was only one chair," Mrs. Adams recalled in an article written for Accent magazine. "Wayne walked beside my chair the short distance from Miss Moon's home to our home."

Revival Dates

West Side, Macon (Noxubee): May 6-8; Mike Parker, Ponce de Leon, Fla., evangelist; services 7:30 p.m.; Sunday morning at 11.

Burch Hill Church (Hinds-Madison): May 15-18; Glenn Davis, pastor, Ellison Ridge Church, Louisville, evangelist; Jimmy Bilbo, minister of music, Midway Church, Jackson, music evangelist; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; Ken Cook pastor.

Pine Crest, Plantation Shores, Star: May 15-20; evening services only, at 7:30; J. T. Pannell, pastor, evangelist; Tommy Smith of Pearl, senior at Belhaven, music director.

Petal-Harvey Church, Petal: May 15-19; Jerry Passmore, pastor of Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla., guest evangelist; Randy Posey, full-time evangelistic singer, from Pascagoula, in charge of music; Jerry Henderson, pastor.

Choctaw Central Church (New Choctaw Association), Philadelphia: May 16-21; Russell Begaye, Fort Worth, student at Southwestern Seminary and pastor of Fort Worth Indian Mission, evangelist; Clay Gibson, pastor; services at 7 p.m.

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Speaking With Wisdom

By Wm. J. Falls
James 3

William Barclay, the famous Bible interpreter of Scotland, has frequently visited towns and cities he had not seen before. He has stopped many strangers to ask directions. Naturally they have responded on the basis of the landmarks they are familiar with. One person may call attention to a certain theater; another may mention a prominent church; still another may name a popular tavern. These are the buildings they are sure of, and to some extent they reveal the persons' points of interest. "The man's directions give him away," says Dr. Barclay. In each case the tongue unconsciously shows an aspect of personality. The tongue does that to all of us; James said it is both powerful and irresponsible.

The Lesson Explained The Little Tongue Has Great Power (vv. 1-5a)

Dealing mostly with the tongue, this chapter starts with a warning against too many church members becoming teachers. Because teaching was—and is—an important ministry in the church, James was not trying to stop that work. He was writing about people who wanted the honor without having much to say. After all, the teacher "will be judged with greater strictness than others" (TEV).

James went on to say that everybody makes mistakes. That seems especially true in speech. If anyone never makes a mistake in what he says, we can count him as a perfect person because tongue control shows he is "able to bridle the whole body." Using that Greek verb may have led James to the comparison in verse 3 because the bit

is that part of the bridle that goes into the mouth of the horse to restrain and guide him. That probably reminded him of the small rudder that turns a large ship. Even though driven by strong winds, it can be steered wherever the pilot wishes. The tongue is like that: a small member of the body, but it "boasts of great things" (RSV). Thus, by controlling the tongue, a person can control himself.

Christians Must Not Misuse It (vv. 5b-12)

James moved from the tongue's power to its misuse by describing it as a little fire that could ignite a whole forest. As that would be a sign of waste and wickedness, so the tongue can stain or defile the whole person. As Jesus pointed out (Mark 7:18-20), defilement comes from within the person rather than from outer contacts. Ultimately, this "fire" comes from hell. While all kinds of animals and birds and "things of the sea" can be tamed by human beings, humans have not been able to tame their own tongues.

Of course James was not thinking of the tongue doing evil on its own initiative; that is clear in verses 9-10. We use the tongue to bless or curse—cursing even men made in the likeness of God. "This ought not to happen" (TEV) because of our Christian nature. A fresh water spring cannot give salt water, nor can a fig tree bear olives. Christians must not misuse the tongue.

Seek Wisdom From Above (vv. 13-18)

Still probably thinking of the competence needed by teachers, James here contrasts two kinds of wisdom. One shows up in conduct (better than "conversation") blending wisdom with mature humility. The other wisdom is motivated by "bitter jealousy and selfish ambition" (RSV); it is inspiritual and related to the devil. This attitude in one who wants to be considered as a teacher will bring disorder

and other evils. Those having such a factional spirit must not "speak boastfully or falsely, in defiance of the truth" (Weymouth).

But the wisdom from above is something else. First, it is pure—free of any stain. Then it is "peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated"—which means complaint or obedient. The next phrase can also be rendered "full of compassion and kind actions." The wisdom from above is impartial and sincere, and its harvest of righteousness is sown by those who make peace.

Arlington Renovates Sanctuary

Arlington Church in Lincoln Association has been engaged in a building program for the last few weeks. The sanctuary has undergone a change. Some walls have been removed, windows redone, choir loft, baptistry, and pulpit have been rearranged. The sanctuary has been paneled and carpeted throughout, more lights have been added, new pews and furniture have been ordered.

Saturday night, May 14, at 7 o'clock, a singing will be held under the direction of the pastor, Bob Ammons. The offering given at this event will help finance a trip for the youth of the church in June.

Sunday May 29, has been set aside as Homecoming.

E. W. Peeples, Pastor, Dies

Funeral services were held April 20 for Edward Miles Peeples, 72, who died April 19, at his residence at Banner, Ms., in Calhoun County.

He was still pastor of the New Elbethel Church, where he had served for 16 years.

The funeral was at Old Providence Church, with Charles Keel, Jimmy Sockwell, and L. F. Haire officiating.

Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Nina Head Peeples, Banner; three daughters, Mrs. Nina Faye Murphee and Mrs. Catheryn Stone, both of Banner, and Mrs. Ann Cofer, Water Valley; and ten grandchildren.

in by-ways. It is the great central truths and realities that a man must ever feed his mind and nourish his faith. As an athlete goes into training for a contest, so every Christian should discipline himself in the things of Christ.

The advice that was given to Timothy that was the hardest to follow was to silence criticism by conduct. The church has always regarded youth with a certain suspicion. Timothy certainly was not a teenager. He had been a helper of Paul for over 15 years. But the church wanted its office-bearers to be men of maturity. Paul instructed Timothy to be a living embodiment of what a true believer in Christ should be.

The marks of Timothy's conduct were to show maturity in love, in loyalty and in purity. If a man has love, no matter what other people do to him or say to him, he will seek nothing but their good. Loyalty is an unconquerable fidelity to Christ, no matter what it may cost. The Christian ought to have a standard of honor, honesty, self-control and chastity far above the standards of the world.

Life and Work For May 15

Godly Living

By Bill Duncan, First, Long Beach
I Timothy 3:16-18

When preacher's son Francis Tarkenton joined the professional Minnesota Vikings as a team quarterback,

he was warned by an older player: "We've seen others like you, kid. They come into pro football good little Christian boys. The first year they start smoking, the second, drinking, and the third, chasing women."

Fran merely smiled and shook his head. His three years were up in 1963 and he still holds the line on his convictions. "A Christian shouldn't let people drag him down," he says. "Some guys like to see you down in the gutter with them because it helps them feel better about their own sins."

To the average person, godly living is a matter of "don'ts." Many people have never heard a positive word about morality. True godliness consists of Christian faith, Christian love, and Christian purity.

A genuine and strong faith in the realities of God make for a strong and faithful Christian life. I Timothy 3:16 appears to be either a confession of faith or a hymn that was sung to declare the greatness of Christianity. In the Greek manuscripts the six rhythmic phrases are in the language of poetry. The base of behavior is belief. Therefore what one believes about God, Christ Jesus and the Holy Spirit will reflect itself in how one conducts himself in life.

In the study of I Timothy, where so much of the material is personal but applies to all ministers, we need to keep in mind that God does not have two standards of conduct. There is one guide that we are to follow.

False Teaching

Into the church at Ephesus false teachers had come. Paul warns Timothy that false teaching will undermine the purity, stability, and strength of the church. Some were saying that Christians should reject mar-

riage and avoid certain foods. The source of the untruth was evil spirits and demons but it came through men whose conscience had been "seared." Satan had caused the person to lose all sense of right and wrong. The reason that most persons believed in asceticism was that they insisted that the body is evil and the instincts of the body are evil and must be entirely suppressed.

The answer to these men was that by doing and teaching such subjects, they were insulting God. All that God made was good when used properly. They are gifts from God and are to be shared.

The true Christian does not serve God by enslaving himself with rules and regulations and insulting God's creation. Never forget to share God's gifts with others and to offer God the thanks for them.

Practical Teaching

The best ways to help with the matters of morality are sound teaching and godly living. By being faithful, loving and gentle in teaching, Timothy could prove himself to be of real service to Christ. The Christian life is always a matter of discipleship, a lifestyle that calls for continuous learning and following the truth as revealed in Christ.

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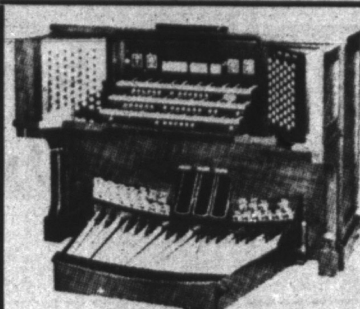
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Cooperative Program Month is a time for inspiring, informing, and involving church members in world mission support through the Cooperative Program. This fall missions emphasis prayerfully remembers the ministries supported through the Cooperative Program and emphasizes why there is great need for increased world mission support. This project presents a challenge to every church to become more aware of the mission needs of the world and to boldly commit itself to a greater share in the world missions through the Cooperative Program.

Resources:

- (1) Baptist Program, free for church staff from SBC Executive Committee
- (2) Leaflet, What Is the Cooperative Program? (Free)
- (3) Booklet, Cooperative Program at Work Around the World (Free)
- (4) Booklet, Lay Involvement in Cooperative Program Day (Free)
- (5) Cooperative Program Day poster, bulletin inserts, and tracts (Free)
- (6) World Mission Journal, Brotherhood Commission
- (7) Cooperative Program Day Activity Guide, AG-17, SBC Stewardship Services, 14c, Nashville

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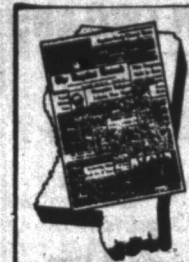
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CROWDER CHURCH burned the note on their auditorium renovation, April 24. Taking part in the ceremony were Mrs. Harold Smith, L. W. Gee, Marion Choate, Chm., Mrs. Harold Wiggs, and Mrs. Perry Bailey, members of the Building Renovation Committee. J. Wayne Baggett is music and youth director, and Truman D. Scarborough is pastor.



MEMBERS OF TEMPLE CHURCH, JACKSON recently surprised their pastor, Wayne Crenshaw, with the gift of a new 1977 Plymouth Fury Salon. Tony Ables Gift Committee Chairman, presented the keys. Left to right: Pastor Crenshaw, Mrs. Crenshaw, Tony Ables, and Mrs. B. J. Belk, Secretary of the Committee. Other members of the church are in background. The presentation was made on Rev. and Mrs. Crenshaw's return from a Holy Land tour which the church also helped to finance.



DELAY CHURCH, LAFAYETTE COUNTY, broke ground April 17 for a new sanctuary, expected to be complete within two months. Pictured are several who took part in the ceremony. Holding the shovel are members of the Building Committee. Left to right: Jack Hollowell, Quinton Yarbrough, Winfred Gossett, Pastor Roy Wilson, Clinton Foshee, Riley Melton, and Toy Denton.

Upon This Rock



Petal-Harvey To Build

Petal-Harvey Church, Petal, recently completed a Church Building Fund Campaign. Working toward a victory goal of \$200,000 the membership committed themselves to give \$222,000 in the next three years over their budget gifts.

Campaign Director Bill Wilson challenged the people to give as he said, "What an exciting opportunity lies before us! This work and the building can be a monument forever to God's people who cared enough to work and sacrifice."

Pastor Jerry Henderson reminded his people that "Just as God needs our partnership to raise a garden, discover healing vaccines, or build a life, so too does he need our partnership to make certain that we develop spiritual leadership at Petal-Harvey Baptist Church."

Leaders of the Petal-Harvey campaign are: front row, left to right: Pastor Jerry Henderson, Campaign Director Bill Wilson, Canvass Snack Director Verna Lois Lynch, Campaign Secretary Betty Blackledge, Followup Director Tommy Strickland, back row, left to right: Special Gifts Director Ocie Wilson, Building Banquet Directors Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Merritt, Jr., Promotion Director Charles Kendrick, and Canvass Director J. D. Lott.

John Alexander of the Convention Board Stewardship staff served as consultant for the campaign.

Revival Results

Crowder: April 10-15: Wayne Baggett, Crowder, leading music; "Alleluia" was presented by the Church Choir Sunday morning; pastor preached Sunday night; Mon.-Fri. Millard Bennett, First, Inverness, David Lee, Zion, Pontotoc, Jackie Cooke, Fairhaven, Olive Branch, Bert Harper, Shiloh, Corinth, and Charles Stubblefield, Ecu, preached respectively; 18 professions of faith; 37

Christian rededications and commitments; Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

West Heights Church (Pontotoc): April 17-22: Bob Hamblin of Harrisburg Church, Tupelo, evangelist; David Larrimore, music director of Calvary Church, Tupelo, singer; ten professions of faith; five by letter; Jack Gregory, pastor.

Union Church, Rankin County, has announced that Sunday, May 15 will be homecoming day. Russell Naron, former pastor, will speak at the morning service which begins at 10:40. Dinner on the ground will be followed by a program of singing, featuring "The Lawman."

Union Church of Magnolia will have homecoming on May 22. Millard Purl, pastor of First, Gloster, will be guest speaker.

Services on Sunday will include: Sunday School at 10, morning worship at 11, an old-fashioned, dinner-on-the-ground, and an afternoon sing. Roger Wilkins is pastor.

Elam Homecoming

Elam Church (Yalobusha) plans to revive observance of Memorial Homecoming Sunday. This special day is set for May 22.

"To those across our state who have loved ones buried in the Elam Cemetery, we would like to invite and encourage you to come," states Billy McDaniel, pastor. Bring covered dishes for lunch in the fellowship hall. A special program is planned beginning at 10:00 a.m.



First Church, Terry broke ground recently for a new Family Life Center. Left to right, front row: Wayne Coleman, pastor; H. S. Clark, chairman

Senior Adults Of Oakhurst Honor Workers

Each year members of the Rolling Along Klub (Senior Adults) of Oakhurst Church, Clarksdale, honored the younger ladies who entertain them each month. This year they had an "appreciation day" for Mrs. William Ray, who has worked with them since the Klub was organized in 1972. The committee planning the day was Mrs. Ann Caffey, Mrs. Trudy Mayers, and Sue Harrell.

Presenting a program of special music was a group of Sacred Harp Singers (most of whom are members of the Rolling Along Klub).

Mrs. Quentin Rives, leader of the Klub, presented the program. She paid tribute to each worker. She then presented each worker with gifts. When Mrs. Ray's time came, Mrs. Rives surprised everyone by saying "Chalie, This is Your Life." She told highlights in Chalie's life. Mrs. Ray was then presented a special plaque from the Klub.

According to Frank Starr, minister of education at Oakhurst, The Rolling Along Klub is a group of senior citizens who work together, travel and fellowship together.

Ouagadougou, Upper Volta—Baptists of this West African nation have formed a national Baptist convention. Fifth representatives from 12 churches throughout the country met here in the nation's capital, where they voted unanimously to unite into a convention.



of Building Committee; Bill Bell, chairman of deacons; and Sidney Pitts, chairman of Finance Committee.

1st, Laurel's Love Your Children Sunday Multiplies "Talents" For Children's Village

By Albert Jones, Associate Pastor/Education, First, Laurel

First Church of Laurel has just sponsored a fifth annual "LOVE THE CHILDREN SUNDAY" through its Sunday School, and we wish to share the idea with others for the glory of Christ and His ministry through The Mississippi Baptist Children's Village.

Our offerings for this essential ministry have steadily increased over the years and have been beyond our high expectations. The program involves a maximum number of folk by involving every member of the Sunday School from the youngest preschooler through the eldest adult.

Each Mother's Day (the state-wide emphasis time) we couple the special Children's Village offering with a Sunday School promotion and call this "LOVE THE CHILDREN SUNDAY." The secret of maximum involvement is two-fold. First, every Sunday School member receives a "talent letter" and second, each member is sent something he must return. The "talent letter" contains a talent (one penny), a special Children's Village envelope, and an explanation of the emphasis. The recipient is informed that the talent comes from God's storehouse, belongs to Him, and that He is simply allowing us to be stewards of it. The Sunday School member is then urged to multiply this talent and return it on LOVE THE CHILDREN SUNDAY in the special envelope as an expression of love for the children of The Village.

The amazing thing is that without any large gifts, the \$10 in pennies is returned multiplied over 100-fold and well over \$1000 is given as nearly 600 faithfully gather for Sunday School. Wide-spread participation is the key!

The Sunday School emphasis stresses (1) that each parent express love for his or her own children by seeing that they are in God's house for Bible study on the Lord's Day, and (2) that

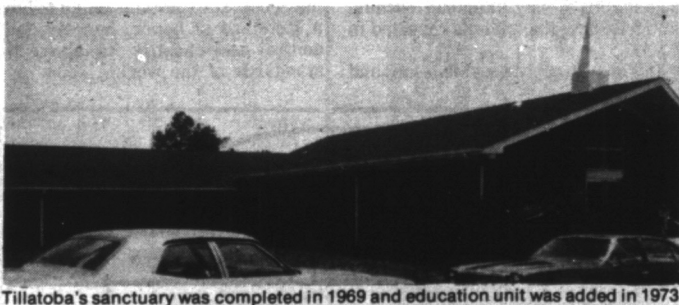
Abidjan, Ivory Coast—A private beach belonging to the wife of Ivory Coast President Houphouët-Boigny was used by Southern Baptist missionaries in their fourth annual youth camp. The Roman Catholic, pro-Western President gave his permission to use the beach, located 25 miles from here on the Abrie Lagoon. Nine churches with a total representation of 107 persons attended the camp; seven persons accepted Christ as Savior.

each child of God express love for Him by being in Bible study on His day. Of course all publicity channels are utilized for two weeks prior to the emphasis.

It's simple and effective. We hope others will experience the great joy of LOVE THE CHILDREN SUNDAY.



The pastorium at Tillatoba was built in 1971 to replace pastor's home destroyed by tornado.



Tillatoba's sanctuary was completed in 1969 and education unit was added in 1973.



Left to right: Wilmer McLendon, Harvey Darby, Q. T. Edwards, Morris Hendricks, and Ray Weir, Building Committee; Lee Hudson, pastor; A. M. Moore III, former Tillatoba pastor, now pastor of First, Ruleville.

Tillatoba Dedicates Buildings

Two former pastors were on program at Tillatoba Church's note burning and dedication service the afternoon of April 24. A. M. Moore III brought the message and J. E. Thurman led in the prayer of dedication. The note burning represented the final payment of all debts on church building facilities, including new sanctuary, new education building, and new pastorium.

The special day began with 123 in Sunday School and even more in the worship service. Lunch was served at the church.

Tillatoba moved into their new sanctuary November 23, 1969, when Moore was pastor. Moore also led in the other building programs. On Feb-

ruary 21, 1971 a tornado destroyed the pastor's home and damaged the other buildings. Afterward the church erected a new pastorium. Then a new education building was completed in 1973. It included ten Sunday School rooms, pastor's study, kitchen, and fellowship hall.

During the time that the building program was in progress, Scooby Church, five miles away with Tillatoba, thus strengthening the church.

The building debt, which was nearly \$100,000, has now all been paid. According to Lee Hudson, pastor since March 3, 1974, the church last year experienced the highest Sunday School attendance in history.

Devotional

Singleness Of Purpose

By W. Everette Martin, Pastor, First, Ridgeland

What do you really put first in your life?

Jesus said, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

What are you doing each day as a professed Christian that a non-professed person could not do just as well?

Paul said, "For to me to live is Christ..." (Phil. 1:21b).

Would it not be a wonder of all wonders, if the professed Christian everywhere could and would really live the life of Christ before the world each day?

Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

The happiest day in the life of any child of God is that day in which he forgets himself and lives for Christ. This is what the abundant life in Christ is all about.

The psalmist stated it clearly in Psalms 1:1-2 "Happy is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

We all have only one reason for living. It is not to be popular. It is not to make money. It is not to be famous. As blood-bought children, we are to live so as to please the Father. As we do this, we bring honor and glory to His name.

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16).

It is so easy for us to get so involved. We are called upon from so many sources. We need to come to the experience in life that will allow us to, not only say, but be with Paul in true living.

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Yes, we all have only one Saviour. We all have one Lord. He died to save all and He wants to be Lord of all. When we allow Him His rightful place in our lives we will all have a single purpose for living, but until we do, we miss out on the real purpose for which Christ has redeemed us and we hide the gospel from those who are lost. For if our gospel be hid it is hid to those who are lost.

I need to remind myself daily that I have been bought with a price. I do not have a right to live like the world. I need to come out from the world and live separate.

To be sure, Christ in you is the hope of glory, but Christ through you is the hope of the world.

I feel that we all need to learn to live one day at a time and live that day for Christ.

We are in His stead before the world.

May God help us all to really find Singleness of Purpose in our living. Christ is All and in All.



Record Breaker At New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Harold L. Daniels, center, of Colorado Springs, Colorado is greeted by New Orleans Seminary President Landrum Leavell (left) and Fred Moseley, Director of the School of Christian Training. Daniels helped the seminary break all previous enrollments records when he registered as the 1,201st student at the seminary. Daniels is pursuing the diploma in Pastoral Ministry degree through the School of Christian Training, a program which offers in-depth Bible study and practical helps for the minister without a college degree. Current seminary enrollment is 1,223 students. (NOBTS PHOTO)

Off The Record

In the Western Pyrenees live the Basques (really). And they only had one theatre. The fire marshal told the owner he had too few escape routes in case of fire. But the owner neglected to correct the problem.

One night in the crowded theatre, there was a fire and several people trying to get out were crushed in the one door that was available for their egress.

The moral? Never try to put all your Basques in one exit.

Revival Dates

Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson: May 15-22: Wayne Bristow of Lubbock, Texas, evangelist (Bristow has held crusades in the United States and in Canada, India, Portugal and Africa); Jimmy Hodges, recording artist and former jazz band leader from Lakeland, Fla., featured soloist and director of youth activities; Felix Snipes of Atlanta, Ga., music director and coordinator for the crusade (Snipes is also a magician); Byron Malone, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.; (Hodges, who has been featured speaker and drum demonstration specialist for hundreds of high school and college assembly programs, will present a drum exhibition during the "Jesus Celebration" for young people on Thursday, May 19. A "Jesus Happening" under his direction is also planned for young people each night during the crusade.)

Bethlehem Church, Laurel: May 20-22: Buddy Mathis, son of Byron E. Mathis, pastor of Calvary, Pascagoula, evangelist; services at 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and at 11 a.m. Sunday. (Services will also feature the evangelist playing his trumpet); Alan E. Balliet, pastor.

Carey Chapel Church (Marshall): May 15-20: Gene Pritchard, of Elliott Church, Camden, Arkansas, evangelist; Mike Nolen, leading music; Don Grimmett, pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Jackson May 22-27: John Brock, pastor of First Church, Gautier, evangelist; music under direction of Scotty Paie; Mrs. Wanda Fontenot and Mrs. Pat Hastings guest musicians; services 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday May 22, Homecoming Day, dinner served at the church; Bobby Walker, pastor.